



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

October 29, 1997

**H.R. 1739
Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness
Accessibility and Fairness Act of 1997**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 22, 1997

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1739 could affect offsetting receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that any such effects would be negligible. H.R. 1739 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1739 would remove some currently planned restrictions on the use of motorboats on Seagull Lake in Cook County, Minnesota, and also would permit motorized vehicles to be used to transport boats across three portages in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in the same manner as they were last permitted in 1992. The bill would prohibit federal funds from being used to operate any motorized portages in the wilderness area. Based on information from the U.S. Forest Service, CBO expects that enacting this bill could increase the offsetting receipts from permit fees to use the portages, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Victoria V. Heid. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.